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Amendment dated June 20, 2007  
Reply to Office Action of March 12, 2007

#### **Remarks**

#### **I. Drawings.**

Applicant notes that the replacement drawings have been accepted and appreciates Examiner's allowance of the same.

II. This response is filed responsive to the Office Action dated March 12, 2007, setting forth a three month statutory period for reply expiring on June 12, 2007. Filed concurrently herewith is a request for a two-month extension of time, making the Amendment due by August 12, 2007.

Claims 1-102 have been cancelled by preliminary amendment. Claims 103-176 are pending in the application, with claims 103, 114, 124, 148, 154, and 164, being independent claims. In brief review, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 103, 104, 105, 108, 110, 111, 112, 148, 149, 154, 159, 161, 162, and 163 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 77, 78, 85, 130, 131, 134, and 135 of copending Application No. 10/691,447. Claims 103, 106, 113-116, 123-125, 127, 133, 148-149 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 13-15, and 23 of U.S. Patent No. 7,179,522 B2.

Applicant herewith files a Terminal Disclaimer Applicant believes to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b) and/or (c). Accordingly, Applicant believes that the rejection on the grounds of double patenting has been overcome.

#### **III. Allowable Subject Matter**

Examiner objected to claims 107, 109, 117, 119, 120, 121, 126, 128-129, 158, 160 and 164 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Examiner has indicated that the aforementioned claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the

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limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 107, 109, 117, 119, 120, 121, 126, 128-129, 158, 160 and 164 to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims and claims 103-106, 108, 110-116, 118, 123-125, 127, 130-157, 159, 161-163, 165-176 have been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration of the application and claims is respectfully requested. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the claims as rewritten are in allowable form and respectfully requests reconsideration of these claims by the Examiner.

#### IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and such prompt allowance is earnestly requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment, please contact the undersigned at 720-859-3540.

Respectfully Submitted,

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